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Subject: Testimony to the CT Judiciary Committee - Senate Bill 1094 - An Act Banning Large Capacity Ammunition Magazines
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Thank you Chairman and members of the Committee. My name is Robert Nelson and I testify before you today as a gun-rights advocate, currently residing in Redding, Connecticut. After being made aware of, and reading, Senate Bill 1094 - An Act Banning Large Capacity Ammunition Magazines, I strongly oppose this bill. I find no substantive benefit in this bill that would make anyone safer. Furthermore it would, in effect, turn law-abiding citizens into felons almost overnight. This act does not punish anyone for committing a crime, but rather punishes people for owning a certain object that in and of itself is no more or less dangerous than a magazine of a somewhat lesser capacity. I am all for creating and, more importantly, enforcing laws that punish crimes that result in a safer society. This act does not accomplish that; it makes criminals out of ordinary people with a hobby that some people find offensive. At a bare minimum, existing large capacity ammunition magazines should be grandfathered under the bill. You have to remember these are law abiding citizens that you are affecting and citizens that paid hard earned money for these large capacity magazines this bill is trying to take away. Please don't try to infringe on someone's personal property.

The question that gun-rights advocates want to respectfully pose to those adamant on restricting high-capacity magazine ownership is not "Why does anybody need one?" but "Why should responsible citizens not be allowed to own one?"

Please oppose this bill and support your law-abiding constituents, Thank You.

Fraternally yours,

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